per cent of investible resources during Eighth Plan are to be spent on development programmes falling under rural sector which would provide benefits for the upliftment of the rural masss.

(b) Details in this regard would be incorporated in the Eighth Plan document of the Central and State Governments.

Ganga Action Plan

2250. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 396 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th May, 1990 and state :

(a) whether Government are satisfied with the progress of Ganga Action Plan ; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) While there may have been some delay due to special circumstances in some of the schemes, Government is satisfied with the overall progress of the Ganga Action Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

"Harmful Pesticides"

2251. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) which are the pesticides harmful in nature ; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Central Insecticides Board under the Ministry of Agriculture has registered 123 pesticides for use in India. The harmfulness of these pesticides depends on their toxicity and persistance. Pesticides which are biodegradable are less harmful than those which are persistent.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure safety of the environment due to the use of pesticides :

(i) The Government of India has regulated the use of harmful pesticides. The use of DDT, Chlorbenzilate, DBCP, Toxaphene, PNCB has been banned in agriculture. The use of BHC has been restricted to the present level. The use of Sodium Cyanide, Captan and Captafol has been restricted.

(ii) The Government has reviewed the status of the use of biocides in the control of pests and field trials are in progress.

(iii) Detailed instructions have been prescribed for safe use of pesticides.

(iv) Due emphasis is given for the training of farmers and spraymen to ensure safe application of pesticidies.

Application of Minimum Wages Act to the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2252. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1788 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether the provisions of the Minimum Wage Act apply to

the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan also ;

(b) if so, whether the payments/pay-scales being given to the hostel staff of the Kendriya Vidyalayas conform to the provisions of the said Act ;

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether Regional conciliation or such other officer had directed the Sangathan to execute the relevant provisions of the above Act in respect of cook and other categories of employees of Hostels of Kendriya Vidyalayas ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) whether the direction has since been executed ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g) The regular staff of hostels are given regular scales and allowances as per rules of Government of India. Apart from regular staff, the staff appointed in the hostelsin Vidyalayas on part time basis are paid the following emoluments out of hostel fund :

(i) Head Cook—Consolidated amount of Rs. 300/- per month with free food and lodging.

(ii) Cook, Masalchi, Sweeper.—Consolidated amount of Rs. 250/- per month with free food and lodging.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner/Conciliation Officer advised the sangathan to implement the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for the hostels part time staff of Kendriya Vidyalayas. The matter is being looked into.

Parents-teachers Association in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi

2253. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Parents-Teachers Associations have been formed in many Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi including in Lawrence Road, Pitampura, Sainik Vihar and Shalimar Bagh ;

(b) if so, what are the locations of these Vidyalayas ;

(c) if so, when these were formed and the number of meetings held in a year, decisions taken in these meetings and progress made in implementation of these decisions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what action is being teken against these Vidyalayas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA) : (a) Parents-Teachers Associations have been formed in many Kendriya Vidyalayas including K.V., Lawrence Road and Kendriya Vidyalaya Pitampura in Delhi. No Parents-Teachers Associations has been formed in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sainik Vihar and Shalimar Bagh.

(b) Locations of the above Kendriya Vidyalayas are as under :

(i) Kendriya Vidyalaya, T.P. Block Pitampura, Delhi-110 034.

(ii) Kendriya Vidyalayas, Lawrence Road, Delhi-110 035.